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Re: Failure to fire incompetent prison staff;
Failure to adequately address Prison Problems
Failure to address questions of concern by Prison
Advocates, Taxpayers & Parents of Prisoners.

PLACE ON PRISON COMMISSIONER'S MEETING AGENDA

Commissioners:

For the purpose of this meeting, let me start by stating a few things that need your attention, and my disgust that this commission has not taken action on Nevada's putrid Prison Problems sooner, of which, have been in front of you Nevada Prison Commissioner's—for the past year, or longer! Why would you possibly be waiting?

Why hasn't E.K. McDaniel's, warden at Ely State Prison, been fired, and arrested, for his felony criminal behavior and acts of defilement against other human beings—under color of authority, at a state prison? Commissioners! Your heads being stuck in the sand, as elected officials—is absurd and borders on insanity.

Staying with the many problems of Ely State Prison—please, tell this meeting, and the rest of Nevada's Citizen Taxpayers, how many lawsuits have been filed against E.K. McDaniels, for his illegal actions in the last three years, and the cost to Taxpayers to defend against these lawsuits? It must be in the millions of dollars.

It is my opinion, and the opinion of many other Taxpayers in Nevada, that E.K. McDaniels was a willing accomplice to murder in the death of Patrick Cavanaugh, #20387, who died at Ely State Prison for lack of medical treatment as a diabetic patient. He rotted to death, as per a private doctor, Doctor Noel, of Ely, Nevada.

LOVELOCK STATE PRISON: Why haven't the guards that are accused of threatening prisoners to do illegal acts—by threatening disciplinary guard-action-write ups, at Lovelock State Prison, been removed from the cell blocks governing prisoners, and placed into more remote positions away from prisoners—until the charges were proven or not proven? The charges are plain enough: Guard threats to prisoners—to place contraband and/or knives into cells of other prisoners, or be written up by guards, and/or removed from the institution, as was Ron Jenkins, #48209. "Clearly, felony requests... (Lovelock Prison Administrator's cover up followed.)

Commissioners, I feel, you will find the actions taken by Staff Member's of the Department of Corrections to be amusing. The prisoners that reported to Lovelock Prison staff officials, at Lovelock State Prison, their concerns of illegal acts by guards—to their caseworkers, and sergeants and lieutenants—that reported to the Warden, illegal activity on the part of Lovelock's guards, were sent to Nevada State Prison—for their protection, and placed in the hole. They are still in the hole and have been for the last two months, even though the prisoners were cleared of any wrong doing. One can only assume: "possible protection from the guards involved"?

Commissioners! Why are the Lovelock prisoners still in the "HOLE"? The guards are still in their positions & are on their job, still harassing prisoners with threats. Don't you find that amusing? Oh, yes, the prisoners have been cleared to return to Lovelock—weeks ago! To prison personnel this must be hilarious! As a parent of one of the men—I find it disgusting and perverted. To allow abuse to continue is even more disturbing. But then, this is the Nevada system of fair play & justice. Russia's Gulags are Nevada's prisons of today. Funny, isn't it?

Commissioners! Tell me, and the people in this audience and the State of Nevada, what transpired between this commission, and the Director of Prisons, Howard, Skolnik, to have his name removed from the Prison Commissioner's agenda several months ago—to discuss his replacement within the prison system. Will you tell us? We pay for Director Skolnik's insane directives he has chosen to give to the state, the prisoners and the taxpayers. Surely, you're ashamed of the disgraceful accomplishments this director has concluded in your name. Are you? If not, I'm not only ashamed for all of you, but deeply disgusted with you for ignoring prison problems that you've known about for years. Certainly, two of you will not be elected again this coming year. Recognizing prison problems—being only one of the reasons for your failed re-elections campaigns! I promise, I'll try my hardest to get two of you—kicked to the curb! As you so deserve!!!

I'd like for this commission to further examine the cost of food for the prisoners, Vs. the cost of feed for the horse program, Vs. the dog training program at some selected prisons. I can tell you this much:

Food for prisoners is at \$1.27 each day for food;

Feed for the horses would be at \$2.50 daily, or more, and not including the cost of veterinarian care;

And, I do not know the cost of the dog program, but it must be more than you feed prisoners.

This wonderful treatment of Nevada prisoners makes me so proud to be living in Nevada! A truly compassionate state for all its citizens! It rivals Iraqi and Iran and all other third world countries for their compassionate treatment of citizens. Hail, Nevada!

In the year 2000, I submitted with Mercedes Maharis to Governor Quinn, our Spartacus Project Report on Nevada Prisons—it went unread by prison commissioners—even though they promised to read it. They lied. The Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney General never picked up the report. To prove my point—I bet Ms Maharis the unopened reports were still lying in a desk drawer in all of the aforementioned elected official's offices. Six months later I returned to the offices and collected the report—all unopened. Not a single page had been turned. I don't find much difference with today's commissioners. This is a disgrace to the State of Nevada to have such arrogant elected officials representing our population of citizens, by ignoring a sump hole of corruption and an outrageous, and continuing, malpractice of abuse, by prison administrators & guards.

The very thought of having an APPOINTED director of prisons, making decisions that are nothing more than "Job Security Positions" for himself and his staff—is more than folly—it is dishonest. This commission needs to disband and get professionally trained prison administrators—with college degrees in penal administrative justice. The distaste of Cowboy justice in Nevada has played its last song in the roundup of stupidity.

And, for the record: Wasn't the last paycheck raise of approximately \$30,000.00 a tad too much for a prison director? And, Director Skolnik—took it! How proud I am of Director Skolnik. And, yet, he feeds prisoners on \$1.27 a day. Let me for a minute imagine: Abu Ghraib, Russian Gulags, Guantanamo Bay and all third world countries rolled into one scandalous prison system. "Yup! That's Nevada's prison system". I'm overjoyed!

In the year 2000. On the verbal record I have in my possession, Governor Quinn stated: "Approximately 4000 non-violent prisoners could be released." He didn't do it, but he admitted it could be done. In today's pathetic financial boondoggle, it appears that to continue keeping men and women of a non-violent nature in locked down cells--is not only irresponsible, but totally abusive to the taxpayer, and should be repugnant to all citizens.

I'd like some answers on when decent Medical treatment is going to start being implemented for prisoners? Same for dental work, including filling teeth, instead of just extractions? Would you do this to your child?

When are trade training programs going to be implemented for prisoners willing to go to work in a trade?

When is the "same commissary list" going to be implemented for all prisons? No need for prisoners to spend money on goods purchased in one prison, only to be taken away—if they transfer to another prison. Isn't this a deceptive, and a thieving practice for prisons? As a thinking person—I think, it is disgraceful, and theft.

When is the practice of sending money to a previously known prisoner going to be acknowledged—and not viewed as a gross felony as state prisons administrators believe, because they have ideas the money is not as intended? I know of two people who have major write-ups for accepting money from me and this is a legal transaction. I know, because I've checked with the Director's Office and the practice does not violate any rule of the prisons. I sent money to a kid from the neighborhood, whose family has fallen on hard time & cannot provide. I can, and I will, send money, until I'm out of money, or I decide to stop. I've sent money to many prisoners, including death row prisoners with no problems! So, why haven't these write-ups been dismissed? What rule that has yet to be implemented—is going to make this gift illegal? Director Skolnik? Got an answer?

When is the abusive practice of "fining" prisoners for their money, or money sent to prisoners by family or loved ones—going to stop? Take the prisoners to a municipal court. Kangaroo Courts, even in Nevada, should be itlegal. Kangaroo courts are institutional courts run by institutional personnel for institutional gifts.. Pretty clever—huh? Or, possibly, Director Skolnik, could spare some dollars out of his gifted \$30,000.00 pay raise?